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## The Lancaster and Kershaw Line.

### Attorney General's Opinion as to Payment of Taxes in Disputed Territory.—Old Story as to Original Survey Retold.

The Columbia State.

Is the town of Kershaw in Lancaster or in Kershaw county? This question is worrying the taxpayers and delegations of the respective counties. It has been in the court and general assembly and will probably come up again at the coming session. Not only is the town of Kershaw effected, but a considerable portion of the surrounding territory and thereby hangs an interesting story about counties, made about 150 years ago. The story is told by Capt. J. G. Richards, Jr., who is in the city.

It seems that the surveyors for the two counties had agreed to run the line from a point near Bucklick, on the Wateree river, straight across the country, which would have given Kershaw a much larger area. The party in going through the country, however, stopped about 25 miles from Bucklick and went down into Kershaw to visit a "tavern." The entertainment received there was of such a pleasant nature that they spent several days and starting out again they forgot to go back to the point where they left off a few days before and ran the line down into Kershaw county. There has been a dispute about the boundary line ever since, especially since the town of Kershaw was established and a part of it is in each county.

At the session of the legislature in 1905 an act was passed providing for a commission to survey the county lines. The commission did not finish the work, however, in the time prescribed by law and no report was made of it. At the last session another bill was introduced and passed the house, but did not reach the senate. The auditor of Kershaw county, however, had a survey made and Capt. Richards says that the entire town of Kershaw will be placed in Kershaw county. A report along this line will be made on this survey at the coming session of legislature.

In the meantime there is considerable confusion as to the collection of taxes and the comptroller general has had a number of appeals to decide. The following letter was sent out the other day to Mr. T. R. Fletcher, who lives at Kershaw.

Dear Sir. Answering your letter of Nov. 28, relative to the disputed county line between the counties of Kershaw and Lancaster, I beg to say I have not given a decision as to what county the taxpayer whose property has been changed by the

different surveys should pay his tax in. However, wherever a taxpayer's property is in dispute, I would advise that he continue to pay his taxes in the county as heretofore, until this matter is legally determined by the courts. But in case a taxpayer of Kershaw county elects to pay his taxes otherwise than above advised, he would not be required to pay a second time, but when the line is finally determined a settlement for the taxes can be made between the county officials of the two counties.

Yours very truly,  
A. W. Jones,  
Comptroller General.

From this it can be seen that the entire survey will probably have to be made again for a final settlement.

### The Cotton Growers' Convention--Proceedings of the Meeting here last Saturday.

The Lancaster County Cotton Growers' Association met here, in the courthouse, last Saturday, pursuant to notice previously published in The News. The meeting was called to order by President Strait, who explained, the object of the meeting, which was for the purpose of reorganization and the election of delegates to the meeting of the State Association, which will be held in Columbia January 2nd.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: W. J. Cunningham, President; T. Walker McMurray, Vice-president; W. C. Hough, Secretary. Delegates elected to the State Association: W. J. Cunningham, D. A. Williams, C. L. McManus, Geo. W. Jones, W. C. Hough. The following executive committee was appointed: W. G. A. Porter, C. L. McManus, W. T. Vanlandingham, J. Clark Robinson, N. B. Cousar.

The meeting was well attended and the proceedings thoroughly harmonious. The association enters upon its new year under most favorable and encouraging auspices. With a splendid set of officers and a determined and united membership, the association gives every promise of good and effective work in the future as in the past.

—The ginners' report issued by the government Monday shows number of bales ginned up to Dec. 1st to be 10,025,445—about the amount expected. The government made public yesterday afternoon its estimate of the entire crop, the number being 12,546,000 bales. The figures caused the market to drop a half cent.

Messrs. Ernest Moore, T. Y. Williams, R. E. Wylie, John T. Green, R. B. Allison, H. Hines, W. C. Hough and J. Harry Foster, of the Lancaster bar, went to Columbia yesterday to attend the Supreme court. This circuit will be called in court today.

### The A. M. E. Conference Held in Lancaster--Something about this Branch of Methodist Church.

The A. M. E. Church conference, which convened here last Wednesday, in St. Paul church, adjourned Sunday night. As previously stated, Bishop L. J. Coppin, of Philadelphia, presided over the deliberations of the conference. Among other distinguished divines in attendance were the Rev. H. B. Parks, of New York; the Rev. W. D. Chappelle, D. D., of Nashville, Tenn., and the Rev. Richard Carroll, of Columbia. About three hundred ministers, lay delegates and other visitors were present together, who were well entertained by the hospitable colored people of Lancaster.

The Rev. Richard Carroll, in Monday's issue of the Columbia State, says of this branch of the Methodist church:

The African Methodist is the strongest branch of Methodism in this country and the greatest financial organization known among negroes throughout the world. It is really "a negro church." They raise more money for various purposes than any other negro organization in the world.

Their "dollar money" system has worked successfully everywhere. Every member of the church throughout the connection is required to bring up \$1 annually for "general expenses." Other funds are brought up for education, missions and so forth. They have about 13 bishops in the United States. Each gets a salary of \$2,500 a year and traveling expenses. Besides there are several general officers, who get from \$1,000 upward annually.

The A. M. E. church has several schools and colleges under its charge in every State in the South; but Allen university at Columbia is among the most notable.

The conferences, three in number, in South Carolina raise about \$30,000 annually for education, missions and general purposes; besides they raise large sums on Easter day and what they call Allen day, which goes to Allen university.

### Important Notice to Certain Subscribers.

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—The Southern Power company, developing the water power at Great Falls, has contracted for nearly a half million dollars' worth of additional machinery.

### Lancaster Negro Kills another at High Point, N. C. Looks Like a Case of Self Defense.

High Point special in Monday's Charlotte Observer: This morning at 11:30 o'clock Chas. Clyburn shot and killed Jim Snides, both parties colored, in the "hollow" in the eastern part of the city. Five shots were fired in rapid succession, one of them penetrating the mouth and going through the brain, which caused instant death.

In the dead man's right hand was held a knife with a long sharp blade and which Clyburn claims, as well as eye witnesses, that Snides was attempting to use on him when the latter was killed.

As soon as Clyburn emptied the contents of his pistol and saw Snides fall to the ground he ran up town, loading his pistol as he went and followed by a crowd of darkies. The officers who had been notified of the shooting were hastening in the direction when they met Clyburn near the calaboose, who immediately surrendered himself to the officers. On his person was found a pistol with all chambers loaded and the one with which he did the shooting. The negro was much excited and claimed that he was justified in killing of his antagonist.

Clyburn has somewhat a reputation as a "shooter," having shot two men in the past two years. Not long ago he shot a negro in Lancaster and served a sentence for it, and later shot his cousin in the leg at this place for which he served a three months sentence on the county roads.

### Another Marriage in Chesterfield.

Carolina Citizen.

Mr. B. A. Moore and Miss Blanche Turner, daughter of Hon. and Mrs. J. H. Turner, were married Wednesday evening at the home of the bride's parents, the ceremony being performed by the bride's father.

Only the immediate relatives of the bride and groom were present.

They received some very nice presents, and after the ceremony a sumptuous wedding feast was served.

The bride is a pretty and accomplished young lady. The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Moore and is a young man of sterling worth.

J. B. Daniels was shot and killed at his home in Lee county, Fla., Monday, by John Chansey, whom he had invited to dinner. . . . T. S. Travers, a young telegraph operator in Columbia, has disappeared being charged with cashing bogus orders.

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### A Coming Marriage.

Mr. Arthur B. Robinson, of Lancaster, and Miss Florence Patrick, of White Oak, to Wed.

Cards are out announcing the approaching marriage of Mr. Arthur Bruce Robinson, son of Mr. N. P. Robinson of this vicinity, and Miss Janie Florence Patrick, daughter of Mr. Samuel R. Patrick, of White Oak, this state. The ceremony will be performed on the 19th instant, at 6:30 p. m., at the home of the prospective bride's parents. The Rev. R. Lee Robinson, of Camden, Ala., brother of the prospective groom, will officiate.

Mr. Robinson is one of Lancaster's model young men and a large and successful planter. The young lady whom he is to wed has many friends and admirers in this county, especially in the Shiloh community, where she taught school last year.

### News in Brief.

Seven lives were lost in the burning of a dormitory at Cornell University Friday, four of the victims being students. . . . The Rev. N. J. Roberts, of Te-compta, was Friday expelled from the Louisiana Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, on the charge of immorality. . . . Dr. B. J. Harris was fatally wounded Friday in Chicago by A. C. Campbell, on account of alleged intimacy with the latter's wife. . . . E. T. Williams, assistant postmaster at Griffin, Ga., has committed suicide. . . . Slight earthquake shocks were felt in portions of California Friday night. . . . A negro has been lodged in Sumter jail charged with attempted criminal assault on a young lady near Mayesville. . . . Former United States Senator Arthur Brown of Utah was shot in Raleigh hotel, Washington, Saturday by Mrs. A. M. Bradley, of Salt Lake, because, it is said, he refused to marry her. . . . He may die. . . . The barn of Boozer, of Newberry county, burned Saturday morning. . . . fifteen mules and four cotton were burned by insurance. . . . Fire incendiary. . . . were killed by the dynamite in a tunnel. . . . N. C., Friday night. . . . ter E. Gillette, convicted murder of his sweetheart, Brown, was sentenced to be electrocuted during the week ending Jan. 28. . . . Teachers' sentences of the Rawlings boys, sons of old man Rawlings who was hanged last week, have been committed to life imprisonment, by the governor of Georgia.

Read—The News.